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No 41 George St Philad. Dec 11th 1845

Dearest Maria

One of our number having departed this life on last Sabbath our different schools have suspended operations this afternoon to give the students an opportunity of attending his funeral. Not being able for want of the expected remittance of funds to purchase suitable mourning for the occasion I have thought it advisable to remain at home and Terrence being absent I embrace the opportunity afforded of inditing a few lines to you by way of whiling away the tedious hours of our separation Nothing except the reading of your letters affords me as much pleasure as the penning of my thoughts addressed to one so much & so dearly beloved. It seems a long time since I heard from you and the last has been handled and read so often that it will I fear be soon worn out unless I resort to the expedient of my youthful days so frequently enjoined upon me as a means of preserving my spelling book. Although the pleasure derived from occupations of this kind is so great when the thoughts are yours and exists but in a much less degree when occupied by the cogitations of others yet I seldom can derive any pleasure from these sources for lack of opportunity for will you believe me when I inform you that the only letters I have received from my Indiana

Write at least once in two weeks without waiting for mine to arrive. Your most kind & tender letter occasionally as it does me good to see my Mary coming from you

Ever who loves you truly. D Wilcox

friends has been one from Geo Hill & it was delayed until yesterday Does not this look like friendship? This being my only source of happiness and it intitled. But then arises a question. Is any great amount of happiness to be expected in this world. Judging from the experience of others as well as our own, and the declarations of scripture together with the dictates of reason reflecting on the constitution of the soul, when applied to happiness emanating from terrestrial creatures, we must answer, No. Ask the votary of pleasure if every rose of gaiety & vivacity does not contain the thorn of disappointment and regret, and will he not answer, Yes. Does money confer happiness. Does it not also bring care and trouble. Does the pursuit after science affford the votaries of that Goddess some hours of satisfaction & delight. It certainly does but may not the most earnest devotee weep and mourn when he reflects upon how small are the advances he has made though whole years have been consumed in the the acquisition of what he possesses. But what says Solomon Vanity of vanities Vanity of vanities all is vanity. And when we reflect upon the spiritual essence of man the thinking principle ~~yes~~ the truly & the man himself. How could we suppose that for one moment spirit could be satiated with material enjoyments. For what is spirit an emanation from God ~~himself~~. we may perhaps say, a part of the Deity himself at least partaking largely of his nature. Then why should it be satisfied with anything short of the full enjoyment of him & that eternally.

Strange it is that being so often disappointed we still grasp after phantoms still pursue shade still hope against hope & still cry out Lo here the tree of happiness. And even those who admit that

in the ways of wisdom pleasure only is to be found how often
seen deviating widely from her paths drawn aside by worldly al-
lurements and though with sorrow returning to the paths of rectitude
yet they have no sooner regained their position than they again
fly off in a tangent to return in sorrow as before. With this
melancholy experience of others and ourselves we might be led to
despair did we not believe him to be unchangeable who has said
"My grace is suffecient for thee" as well as "Ask & ye shall receive"
Keeping these promises of the immutable God ever before us may
we be led so to strive that we shall obtain so run that we shall
win. Looking not for happiness from earthly things & enjoyment
we shall not be disappointed but shall end our race with the en-
trance upon the full fruition of all that the Almighty has
ever promised to his faithful followers. Yea more than we can
now even anticipate for he has said Eye hath not seen nor
ear heard nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive
the joy which God hath prepared for those who love him

I was much affected by hearing of the death of James Dunn how
suddenly called to appear at the tribunal of his Judge, was he
prepared to hear him say Come ye blessed &c I hope he was I
have heard no particulars except that he suffered great bodily anguish
May it be a warning to us all so to live that though given but a
moments warning we may be ready to respond Even so Come Lord
Jesus. I received an affectionate letter from Geo Hide containing an
account of his death, and also an earnest admonition to myself
which I hope has not been lost. I know I have not lived as I should
I have often resolved to live a more holy life and devote myself more
to God than I ever did before but my resolutions have been like

hopes of being worthy of an M.D in the spring. I may mention that Lantuelle has been unwell with a sore throat that has prevailed among the students from which however I have been exempt. He has now recovered and is able to attend lectures. The student who died was afflicted with typhoid fever arising from exposure outside the stage while coming to the city his name was Gilfillen a resident in Monongahela City Alleghany Co Pa. When you write direct to Jefferson Medical College Tenth St. I can get them without observation there as Terrence attend the University and I am ashamed to ask at the P.O. any more without receiving from anybody

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the morning cloud and the early dew. And although I have endeavored to place my dependance upon God, my resolutions have hitherto failed But I hope hereafter to be more successful and to strive more earnestly than I have ever done hitherto. You must forgive me if these topics are not interesting to you & if I give you no news for I believe that nothing has transpired of any interest since I wrote you, last. I am pursuing the even tenor of my way without interruption by sickness or any other cause & I am daily gaining knowledge and

1845-12-15

No 41 Geo. St. Philad. Dec. 15th 1846

Dearest Maria

Your second letter has just been received this morning and though I have written four to you I cannot let yours remain in hand without giving you something by way of an answer For if you derive the least possible pleasure from perusing my epistles I hold it to be my duty as well as one of my greatest pleasures to contribute to your happiness by this means and the more so when by so doing I am enabled to derive a pleasure from the act myself.
As to my being able to return by the first of March I fear that I have not sufficient influence with the Prof. to obtain leave of absence from the commencement. The principal argument I should have to urge would be my absence from you and I fear that seven old grey headed men would consider it a youthful weakness, not being able to enter into our feelings on the subject But be this as it may I intend to speak to the Dean on the subject pleading as my reasons something which may have more weight with there callous and obdurate hearts. You may be assured it is my desire to leave as soon as possible

Write often & direct to Jef. Med. College Tenth St

-ble and was it in my power I would return during the Christmas holidays but this cannot be thought of.
In any declarations I have made you could not have thought me capable of duplicity and as for overvaluation in my mind for when man loves the object cannot be weighed in the balance with all earthly treasure.
As to the item of presumption on your part I can say that I have signed over all right title interest and claim to myself in lieu of a very valuable consideration and though I am opposed to all knavery I always like to have the best of the bargain if there is any difference and in this case I think yes I know that the contract is evidently in my favor though I hope you may sustain no considerable loss and it shall always be my effort to make your property as valuable as it is possible to do though it may turn out like the African deserts utterly untillable ~~though~~ I still hope that like the great Sahara some oases may intersperse their verdure among the sands around. As to old Seneca you know we live in the age of steam galvanism & gas and our old forefathers axioms are daily contradicted but I must acknowledge there is a good deal of truth in his saying. You ask for the whole particulars these will be found on referring to my third letter which I presume you have received ere this. I can therefore give you but little more you say do not go to the trouble which cuts off a great part of the particulars which might

be noted. I might you know be able to get into some company the end of which would be the wallet house & then I could tell you that I had my name in the "Ledger" &c As to my getting a Diploma I have daily more hopes of this & I have the consolation of perceiving that few of the candidates for graduation know much more than myself and some of them much less.

You mention the proposed marriage of Land Wallace I do not know the lady but think that I have seen her once at Mr Johnston's I hope she may make a good wife for I think he deserves one. A good Stepmother is a one in a thousand though there are cases as I myself have experienced.

I am glad to hear that your county is possessed of a general gallant a very convenient article for the ladies although for my part I should not like the station except in this particular instance & then I suppose that my attentions would be considered special. Tell Jane I think it a pity that she did not encourage the attentions of Mr M. at least until this snow was over. I despise coquetry but in this case it might perhaps have been justifiable. We have had no snow here except about two or three inches but have had a good deal of its equivalent, rain I have to leave this interesting sheet about an hour since to attend lecture which is now over A recess from having occurred in consequence of Prof Meigs being unable to meet us I again resume the pleasing duty I am thankful to your mother for her good wishes & also her kind admonitions which shall be attended to

Well cousin Martha shes fears if they be such are too true, I have fallen deeply in love with a certain city belle residing in our house & though not enamored by beauty that she voice is music in my ear at least when heard at stated interals three times a day summoning me to the banquets fresh & by other heard. The only period at which I have noticed any discord is wherein well understood tones I have proclaimed truce from they tea hour shuggard. You may if you like tell her that I am sorry if she knows how young students forsake their pretended love. Two of our Professors have been quite unwell all last week depriving us of their lectures one having had the gout & the other a severe cold. We expect Mutter to meet us to morrow & Mitchell the other was out today. The only item of any importance in city news has been the death of Comm. Elliott of U.S. Navy which took place last week. He was buried on last Saturday in great pomp & splendor for man what is earthly fame and him in his present condition with what contempt must he look down upon the folly of his fellow mortals. It was truly an imposing spectacle all the volunteers were out in full uniform some of them most splendid looking men. The thought occurred to me "what a pity it would be to see such men lying dead on the field of battle. I can tell you little of what might be called the curiosities of the place as I have had no time to visit them but perhaps after Christmas week I may be able to give you some descriptions which may prove interesting. But I have come to the end of my sheet & must conclude. Remember me to all at home. And rest assured of the fact that I remain now as ever your own true & unchangeable David W Lewis

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and looks better than I have ever seen him but he is the same Frank. Frank Royer is also here he boards at the corner of Arch & sixth and is quite well though I fear sometimes that he drinks too much brandy perhaps not. As to Martha's question it is impossible to answer I might inquire till Doomsday and not find him until the catalogue is published which will not be for a month I know a great many students from Virginia from the neighborhood of Port-Royal & Richmond but none of that name We have one from there of the name of Mc Chesney if that will do any good. There are four boarding in our house I inquired of them but they do not know a student of that name.
I can give you little that may be called news that will not be found in my former letter. The missionary Judson addressed an audience opposite our boarding house the night before last but I knew nothing of it until it was over he is in very feeble health and will not appear again until he recruits so that I fear I shall not be able to hear him he is said to be an angelic looking being The church which he addressed subscribed $16.000 to the cause of foreign missions. I think if he comes he ought to visit Western Penn & arouse their dormant benevolence. We have had a peace man from Boston preaching against war which is congenial to the feeling of those who have the same antipathy to cold lead as myself. I thought however that his arguments would not weigh very heavily with the people. But I must stop when I commence writing to you I do not know when to cease and I sometime think I could write all the time if the voluntary muscles would perform their function. One who truly loves you David

of science and others believe it wrong voluntarily to contract the disease of a beast. But some there were who having used the preventive vaccination were still attacked though in a milder form. There is however no danger to be apprehended now.

I have been enabled in some measure to keep the resolutions I have formed though I am far from being what I would wish but I still hope that by the assistance of the Holy Spirit I may "grow in grace" & at last be "made perfect in holiness"

You may be sure that I shall not feel any restraint at any time in speaking to you about my spiritual welfare for I know that I address one who will take an interest in anything which concerns my welfare and especially that relates to the salvation of the soul. I am happy to hear that you are at least doing something for the cause of temperance and sobriety. Though I fear that many of those who endeavor to convert the world and especially the intemperate run madly wild in their enthusiasm And I think or I fear that there is at the present day more harm than good done in that cause. John writes me of a temperance meeting in Columbus and he is of the same opinion with regard to their Temperance men. They passed many resolutions as he thinks with more zeal than knowledge. One of them referred to petitioning

the Legislature in regard to putting down all licensed houses. I am in this of his opinion that it is somewhat doubtful whether we have yet attained that point in which the government should interfere perhaps we have but it is a matter for reflection. Those men who will drink will keep it and if they construe it into persecution there may be more used than is now & there always means found to avoid the law. You may rest assured that I am as much of a Temperance man as anyone can be and you need not give up that intimacy which exist between us on that account I told you that last year I drank wine at the houses of the Professors. I wanted to know what good wine was. I am now satisfied and you may rest assured that I do not mean to experiment in future But of this more at some future time I could write all day on this but you will think I am composing a temperance sermon. You ask me if I attend the dissecting room. I am often there but do not dissect. I found that the subjects would be scarce and that I could improve my time better by reviewing the lectures & this decided me not to purchase the ticket which would have added $15 to my expenses. If Jane wants to address Frank Mc Kelcher to direct to 210 Chestnut St. He does not board with us but I see him every day at college as he attends our school. He is quite well

If there should be anything foolish in any of my letters set it down for a crotchet and pass over it double over time

[1846-1-7?]

No 41 George St Philad Jany 7th

What is the use of leaving any white paper these two lines are to be read last Dear

Dearest Maria

Your welcome letter of the 1st was received a few moments since and I take my seat immediately to reply though it was only yesterday I mailed my reply to your last which was received on Monday But as Cantwell has gone to college and it will be an hour before our college opens I embrace this as the most favorable opportunity which may offer. I was not aware that I had mentioned to you the death of any of our number because I knew that had you been in the midst of a fatal epidemic my feelings would have been intolerable No other deaths have occured though there have been many cases of disease surrounding us on every hand. But thanks to a merciful God I have hitherto been preserved and the virulence of the pestilence is now abated and I hear of no new cases. I speak of the small pox. The deaths from which have averaged about 22 pr week notwithstanding the prevention has been within the reach of all but some their are too vile to profit by the advance

Remember me to all at home and especially your mother and write as often as you can I for one should not like to be no more than your humble Daniel

1846-1-26

No 41 George St. Phila Jany 26th 1846

Dearest Maria

Although I mailed a letter to you this morning yet as I also received one from you I feel bound to answer it especially as there are some enquiries which seem to demand it and also as Pemberton absent at a ball so that I have small hope. However as I have written so lately you will not expect much and I shall therefore confine myself principally to your letter. As to your letters although they may be somewhat shorter than mine of course I can not expect you to write at fully being confined to home as you are you can give but little news. But this is nothing to me all I want is to know about yourself this is my greatest delight & if I see but your name on my own written by your hand it always gives me pleasure. As to the prevalence of disease you need give yourself no uneasiness as I am more reconciled in some measure to the change of life induced on entering a city & by the support of Him who always acts for the best I hope my health may still be continued. And how shall I endure two months I never in my life was so anxious to be off time moves slowly and darkly along though I fear that I could improve those precious moments given me by a kind and gracious God as I should yet I still hope

Frank & Mc & I were talking about Pemberton as a counterpart to Lloyd in our last. Dey would be better I dare say — I thought so I should prefer Dewey. He replied "We can understand Mr reason of that" The subject was of course dropped. We can understand about you and Mc but what little foundation could Bill Rogers have for his. Remember me to all & believe me ever your own truly

Please put the RRD to read this letter for & cannot read but I can read it if you can't read it

that I am making a somewhat better use of them than in many of the previous years of my life and to your saying too much on the ~~cause~~ subject of temperance, never can you say too much on that nor could you on any subject to me and I am glad to see you somewhat enthusiastic on that ~~subject~~ question. Our Profs, will certainly prevent some harm by their course but much more of them would also set a good example by their own abstinence. I have not yet presented my thesis but you will see that in my last letter I gave an account of my interview with the Dean and also the effects of it which are not very encouraging but more I could not do if I had made the agreement before I believe I could have done more but I did not understand the game. You mention your conversation with your parent and their feelings on the subject of separation I believe that I have mentioned in a former letter somewhere what my prospects are in regard to your coming. It is altogether improbable that I shall go. But had I the best offer or prospect imaginable, it would be utterly impossible for me to do anything that would give you a moments uneasiness if in my power to avoid it. Again you know I could not be happy if I thought you were not perfectly so and what would be the mere matter of dollars and cents compared to our contentment. I do not fear but that I can make a living & that what I should do at least in our part of it would call a good one if Providence but grant me health & strength & this it is our duty to rely on.

As to settling in Blairsville that would be unwise at least. I fear not any respectable opposition to cope with them on equal terms but of course I could not expect for to excell them and in my opinion there is not practice enough to support the physicians already there and especially if another was added. Derry would be a better place but I certainly think there are better yet I would rather risk New Alexandria if it was not so healthy. But it is useless to talk about this till I graduate & when I see you at that time I shall be better able to decide. Geo[rge] may form a partnership or he may leave, or Rodrique may leave Elderberry which I believe I mentioned before. But enough of this As to your household engagements they may be more interesting than you imagine especially the cooking baking &c which I was always delighted with. And nothing would give me as much pleasure now as to see you engaged thereat. I must come to the conclusion you advise as regards the Dr his whole soul must be engrossed with his Evelina & yet he cannot love as I do but I can write you & this accounts for my being able to write as much as I do. I was sorry to hear that you are deprived of the pleasure of attending church. This certainly is a great privation. It is very common for the wives of Physicians in the country but I suppose the same cause does not affect the betrothed. I hope that this may never be the case with my wife for whatever affects her must affect me also. Do not think this a selfish sentence

I was happy to learn the state of Jane's mind with regard to Frank. He is certainly handsome & I now sporting a tremendous pair of whiskers which somewhat obscure his intelligent countenance though mine like Abe. Shine if his as there are many of the same color in the school & the sparks are continually flying. You say that your letters lay at Bloomsburg sometime the cause of this is that I have received yours on Monday for some time past & therefore have not been able to answer them in time for the Freeman's mail so that I presume they are too late and have to lie over a week I tried to obviate this last week & wrote on Saturday evening but although I took it to the Office I was too late & therefore did not get it mailed until tonight. I will lie in Harrisburg some time & therefore I fear be still too late. I suppose that this one will not reach you until next Thursday or Friday week. Your two last have been received in four days from the time mailed and I suppose would be in three if Sunday did not intervene on which day the penny post does not travel I am sorry that you have to travel to the P.O. to accommodate me. I have a convenience in that respect it is not more than 1/4 of a mile & dry pavements generally. As it regards Cantwell he does not know that I have received more than one letter I received one at the P.O. which was advertised. He asked me who it was from & I told him from a lady after which he asked no more questions. As he does not attend the Jefferson he never knows when I receive one there. Though he suspects on intimacy He had said something one day before the boarders about Kettle Creek & one remarked that he supposed she was my intended, but he said No, that I would come nearer Plainville for my lady

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No 41 Geo. St. Phila Feb 9th 1846

My own dearest Marie

Your long looked for but welcome letter was received this morning and I most freely excuse you on the ground advanced for I could do nothing else even if you had no excuse, as you know it is said "There never was anything made quarelling with a woman" But I like more readily excuse you on the ground of its length as it is decidedly the longest yet received. As it is only five days since I wrote you there can be but little news of importance to communicate and as that was strung out to a greater length than I expected you will excuse the probable shortness of this. As to my receiving a diploma I hope that your predictions if they may be called such will be fulfilled. One fellow has already passed & he does not look more intelligent than the rest of us. He is a married man and was favored with an early examination on that account so that I begin to see that it is sometimes an advantage for even a student to be married. Such I had been into you on the morning you mention I know I should have enjoyed myself much more than I did in listening to our old fogy lecturers of whom I am becoming most heartily tired but I suppose

Remember me to all.

If you have not to writing much longer letters to encourage you I send a few copies of a daily convenience which I do not daily come across by the country

there are reasons apart from the science of medicine which contribute to this result. You say when your mother is absent it is equal to the absence of half the family. The presence of her daughter to me would much more than equal the presence of the remaining members and her absence would & does cause a blank the world cannot fill. And now in reading your letter I come to some parts "hard to be understood" and therefore I shall pass them over in silence as I am no commentator and therefore will not attempt to paraphrase. As to the state of the roads I have some recollection of them though in this city we are almost led to forget mud. I took a walk into the suburbs the other day & saw the first thing of the kind for ~~six~~ three months but still it was nothing to the old Westmoreland mud. Dont mention those things on the chin till I come home. Cantwell has just come in. He knew that I got a letter to-day & he asked me who it was from I told him from a lady & he asked no more. Now when he sees me answer it, he says by gosh you must be in love for if I got a letter of four pages (from a lady) I should think I was. I was much astonished to hear of the death of D.S. Truly in the midst of life we are in death. We have many warnings of the uncertainty of life but how little do we improve them. How soon do we forget the most solemn appeals & how thoughtless we live though on the very brink of the grave

But having noticed all in your letter that I think demands except those which I cannot understand I shall give you what little has occurred in my monotonous life within the last few days that is at all worthy of note. I have heard nothing from home or near it for some time. Hill has not written for six weeks. I do not know what has interrupted the correspondence for he promised punctually to be punctual. But all even mortals have some derelictions from duty and I must excuse him as he is but a man of like passions with myself. John still continue faithful and I generally receive a communication from him every week or 10 days. This morning I received a paper informing me of the nomination of Cousin Wm Bellas candidate for governor In case of his election which I think at least probable John's prospects will be somewhat brightened as I think I mentioned in my last. And as his interests in a measure mine it somewhat affects my prospects. I know he will never see me in difficulty if he can remove it even by sacrificing his own comfort which last of course I should not wish. Since writing you I have been to see the operation of the magnetic telegraph It is truly wonderful to see to what the mind of man has accomplished. You can hold a conversation with a person hundreds of miles distant with almost the same facility as conversing face to face. I wish we had a private one

I was also tempted to visit the Museum by the appearance of that wonderful humbug the skeleton of the Hydrarchos. It is 114 ft long & I think that if ever the public were humbugged they are now at least those who believe it to be the real skeleton of an animal. From my inspection of it I supposed it to be the bones of many large animals united to one so as to form a skeleton of this vast magnitude the ribs, jaws, &c are in pieces but together with some composition and could therefore be moulded to any size or figure. The others specimens in the Museum are many of them fine & interesting though as a whole it is not to be compared to the one in N.Y. I forgot to mention the receipt of a paper. The feeling is indeed beautiful and very appropriate. I can trust you will be to meet in that land where farewell is a sound unknown. A tale unmarked is a full exemplification of my views and which I have often expressed. I have known full well the curse of such marriages where fully fortune gave a feeling of security which rendered a home once happy a hell if I may be allowed to use so strong an expression. I conclude this short note hoping that you will write regularly if possible and remaining your own

Until death

David

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Ebensburg Apl 3d 1846

As I promised to write you as soon as I had made anything like a definite arrangement with Dr Rodriguez I now endeavor to fulfil that promise giving you little more than the article of agreement a principle features of it as I have little more to communicate of at all an interesting nature. In the first place we have entered into a partnership for six months as equal partners at the end of which time he is to leave the practice in my hands. I am to pay him $300 for the stock & the practice the stock is worth about $100 This I should not bind myself to pay for at least a year. Ebensburg is a most beautiful & romantic spot situated in the midst of the mountains not covered with "eternal snows" but presenting a beautifully variegated appearance on the surface. Here the remains of a drift of 5 months standing Next a tall majestic hemlock waving its gigantic plumes far above its humbler associates. There the remains of its former companion in glory now lying prostrate

by the omnipotent arm of a stern Northwester
& then the verdant vale the lowing herd the
rippling brooks but stop I am getting roman
tic myself having ascended the Cambrian Parnas
sus & drank from the fount of the Muses
I am afraid that I shall be tempted to forsake
Medicine & fly to Poetry & more ever have
a nobler theme than the object of my humble
& not momentary thoughts, but again I may
stop & remember who I am writing to.
Do you think you can live in that enchanting
spot let me know. I wish you could see it
But speaking earnestly it is much improved
and will be more so in the way of building this
summer There are many good families and per-
sons who would make pleasant associates
They have an English sermon three time a month
and it is said that the minister is improving
much in his English he was quite unpleasant
in his pronunciation when I heard him last
and he is a very gentlemanly man. Ned Roberts
will be married most probably in a few months from
all that I can learn his intended is a very worthy
young lady I have but one objection she is not
a member of the church. That would be
unpleasable with me I think, though it is im-
possible to say what I should do under such

circumstances. I have just now put the question to myself. Suppose M. was not a profession of religion ——————
I must conclude as it is late & I fear now that I shall not get this written to-night. Write soon to one who loves you truly & sincerely

Daniel

APRIL 3. 1846

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Ebensburg Aug 26th 1846

My dearest Maria

This morning I received a letter from Geo. Hill in which he states that he has discovered the minutes of the Gen. Assembly to be incorrect and that the Synod stands adjourned to the 9th instead of the 16th as he had thought. This error will render it impossible for him to be present with us on the 9th without being much too late for the meeting of Synod. He does not request us to change the time again nor do I you but I know he wishes it if it could be done. He says that had it been on the day previous he could have still been ready in time. Harriet writes a few lines & requests that you should make that alteration if it would not interfere with your arrangements on the proposed Tuesday the 22nd when he will have returned

I leave the matter entirely with you of course, as far as the future can be foreseen one time will suit me as well as another as far as any arrangements I have made are concerned. It would be more pleasant to us I think if Mr Hill was at home but you are the D^r this time. Do what you think best. I shall enclose this in a letter to Hill & he will send it to you, if you do not get it in time to answer it on Friday try to send an answer to B & have it mailed there as soon as possible I suppose that you will be in town this week & Mr Hill may hand it to you if it reaches him before you leave you can in that case answer it from B. yourself. The handsome young man I spoke of kept S. ~~the~~ a paper this week containing a tale of coquetry not love she will find a love tale in one that I sent her.

Farewell
Yours 'till Death
David

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